



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, Web sites, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain (415) 972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or visit Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

EPA honored environmental heroes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Awards Ceremony on April 18. Three dozen organizations and individuals were honored for their efforts to protect and preserve the environment. For more information, go to [Press release](#)

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Meetings and Conferences**

May 1-4 National Tribal Environment Council Conference, Temecula, CA

For more information visit: <http://www.ntec.org> or contact David Conrad at [dconrad@ntec.org](mailto:dconrad@ntec.org)

May 7-11 National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

This 5<sup>th</sup> conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council. If you have questions about the conference or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at (410) 356-8993, email at [NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com](mailto:NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com) or visit their Web site at <http://www.nwqmc.org>.

May 8-12 National Environmental Partnership Summit, Atlanta, GA

Region 4 will host this summit. This year's theme is about learning and creating opportunities for environmental stewardship - *Stewardship in Action: Our Responsibility, Our Environment*. Information on this summit can be found at Web site: <http://www.environmentalsummit.org/>

May 9-11 Energy Efficiency in Tribal Community, Denver, CO

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes is coordinating with federal, state, industry and tribal entities to hold a national conference on energy efficiency and weatherization with a focus on tribal communities. For more information, contact CERT at (303) 282-7576 or visit: <http://www.certreearth.com/events.php>

May 16-19 Tribal Drinking Water Conference, Reno, NV

This conference is sponsored by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and U.S. EPA Region 9. For more information, contact Lela G. Christensen, (775) 574-1000 ext. 245, email [lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us) or to go <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/>

May 22-25 Annual National Conference of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, Bar Harbor, ME

This year's conference theme is *"Embrace Our Ancestor's Conservation Stewardship for Future Generations to Respect and Enjoy."* Visit the Society's Web site <http://www.nafws.org> for a copy of the agenda, a pre-registration form, etc.

Jun 7-9      Climate Change and the Future of the American West: Exploring the Law and Policy Dimensions, Princeton University, NJ

The Natural Resources Law Center's 2006 summer conference will explore a wide range of issues from climate science, to the impacts of climate change on water resources and ecological systems. If you would like additional information about the conference, please contact the Center at [nrlc@colorado.edu](mailto:nrlc@colorado.edu). This announcement along with additional information about the conference, as it becomes available, is posted at <http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/summerconference/>.

Jun 12-14    3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference, Window Rock, AZ

The Public Water Systems Supervision Program will host this conference. For more information contact Valerie Spencer or Michelle K. Silver (928) 871-7755 or visit <http://www.navajopublicwater.org>

Aug 1-3      Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Elko, NV

For more information, please contact Hillary Hecht (415) 972-3790 or [hecht.hillary@epa.gov](mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov)



Sept. 24-28 National Forum on Tribal Environmental Science, Ocean Shores, WA

This conference will provide an opportunity for tribal environmental professionals to learn from and network with peers in other tribes on shared scientific issues and concerns. The conference is being sponsored by the National EPA-Tribal Science Council (TSC) and hosted by the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN). To learn more, contact a TSC representative listed at <http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes/tribal/who.htm>

Oct 30-31    Regional Tribal Operating Committee Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Contact Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email [Dignan.lilia@epa.gov](mailto:Dignan.lilia@epa.gov)

Nov. 1-3      14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Conference, San Francisco, CA

For more information, contact Hillary Hecht at (415) 972-3790 or email [Hecht.hillary@epa.gov](mailto:Hecht.hillary@epa.gov). Additional details will be sent as they become available

## **Training**



### **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Region 9 Financial/Administrative Workshops:**

May 15-17    Reno, NV

July 10-13    San Diego, CA

Sept. 19-21    Flagstaff, AZ

Tribal accountants and other administrative personnel are the targeted audiences. For more information, please contact the Administrative Workshop Planning Team:

Tim Wilhite (530) 841-4577 or [wilhite.timothy@epa.gov](mailto:wilhite.timothy@epa.gov)  
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Also, personnel from the Las Vegas Finance Center are onboard, a BIA 93-638 contract expert is on the team, and Corrine Wilson (Gila River) is representing tribes. Dave Wood (R9 Accounting) is monitoring the efforts.

### **California Indian Health Services (IHS)**

May 15-18 Training for Water Treatment Exam, Ukiah, CA

To register for the training, or to get more details, please contact Mary Weber [weber.mary@ihs.gov](mailto:weber.mary@ihs.gov) or call (707) 462-5314, ext. 105. There is no registration fee for the course and some travel expenses may be reimbursable.

### **Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)**

May 1-5 Air Pollution Technology (Tech) (Level 2), Las Vegas, NV



May 15-19 Two EPA sponsored workshops: Tribal Clean Water Act Section 106 Workshop and Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Workshop Prescott, Arizona.

Participants in the Tribal Clean Water Act Section 106 workshop will learn about the Clean Water Act Section 106 program, its grant guidance, and the funding process. Participants in the Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program workshop will learn about the Nonpoint Source program, its grant guidelines, and the funding process. For more information go to [http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/pdf/tribal-workshops-flyer\\_Prescott.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/pdf/tribal-workshops-flyer_Prescott.pdf) or call Jenée Gavette at (415) 972-3439 or [gavette.jenee@epa.gov](mailto:gavette.jenee@epa.gov) or Tiffany Eastman via email at [eastman.tiffany@epa.gov](mailto:eastman.tiffany@epa.gov) or at (415) 972-3404 (to contact Ms. Eastman by telephone, you must dial 1-800-735-2922 for an operator to assist with your call).



May 16-19 Educational Outreach for Air Quality Professionals (Level 1), Flagstaff, AZ



Jun 13-16 Dataloggers (Level 3), Las Vegas, NV

As with most ITEP courses, ITEP will pay for participants' travel and lodging as well as reimburse them for their per diem expenses. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 (phone); (928) 523-1266 (fax) or <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

## **Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

July 11-14 CST 109 Basic Inspector Course, San Francisco, CA

NETI courses are for federal, state, local and tribal environmental personnel, including attorneys, inspectors, technical staff and investigators. All courses are free. Distance learning products, such as CD-ROMs or videotapes are mailed to students at no cost; classroom courses are free—the student only pays travel costs. Courses fill up early, so check their Web site for specific information <http://www.netionline.com>. Click on the NETI Course Catalog and Schedule button, and find the courses which are of interest. To request a printed Catalog, please call (202) 564-2430. For general information about NETI, contact Zena Aldridge at [Aldridge.zeno@epa.gov](mailto:Aldridge.zeno@epa.gov) or (740) 773-4039.

## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

NEPA courses provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: [totten.arthur@epa.gov](mailto:totten.arthur@epa.gov)

## **Nielson Environmental Field School**

Courses are specifically designed to meet the training needs of environmental consultants, contractors and laboratory staff, government agency environmental staff, federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal, industry environmental staff: petrochemical, utility, landfill, manufacturing, mining and others. For more information, contact us at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com) or visit the following Web site: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>

## **Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

To obtain more information on ITCA courses or to obtain an electronic version of their calendar, call Deborah Patton at (602) 258-4822

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/> or <http://www.grants.gov>

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**



### **Brownfield Development**

HUD requests proposals for the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI). BEDI helps local governments redevelop brownfields, which are abandoned, idled, or underutilized real property, including commercial facilities, where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. \$10 million is expected to be available, individual awards NTE \$1 million. Responses are due June 14, 2006. For more information contact Dorthera Yorkshire at [Dorthera\\_Yorkshire@hud.gov](mailto:Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov) or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8396> .



### **Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED)**

HUD requests proposals for RHED. This program supports innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. \$17 million is expected to be available and responses are due May 12, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at [Dorthera\\_Yorkshire@hud.gov](mailto:Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov) or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8403>



### **Healthy Homes Demonstration Program**

HUD requests proposals for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program. The purpose of this program is to develop, demonstrate, and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment that produce serious diseases and injuries in low-income families. \$4.37 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 7, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at [Dorthera\\_yorkshire@hud.gov](mailto:Dorthera_yorkshire@hud.gov) or go to

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8394>.



### **Lead Paint Hazard**

HUD requests applications for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program and the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program. \$159 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 7, 2006. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8383>.



### **Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies**

HUD requests applications for the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies programs. The purpose of these programs is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of lead-based paint and other housing related health and safety hazards. \$5.75 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 6, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at [Dorthera\\_Yorkshire@hud.gov](mailto:Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov) or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8390> .



### **Lead Outreach Program**

HUD requests applications for the Lead Outreach Program. This program supports training, education and public awareness activities about childhood lead poisoning prevention and proper lead hazard identification and control methods for at risk communities and children, especially underserved populations and minorities. \$2 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 6, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at [Dorthera\\_Yorkshire@hud.gov](mailto:Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov) or go to <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8393> .

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**



#### **Water Infrastructure Funding**

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3M is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. Click on the state office link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm> California Tribes may also call Dave Hartwell at (503) 792-5817.



#### **Housing Preservation Program**

USDA requests proposals for the Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program. HPG provides funds to assist very low and low income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. \$10.5 million is expected to be available and responses are due May 19, 2006. For more information, go to <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8588>



#### **Rural Cooperative Development**

USDA requests proposals for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program. The primary objective of RCDG is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas through the establishment and operation of cooperative development centers that can contract out for the expertise to assist individuals in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of cooperative businesses. The Northwest Cooperative Development Center helped start-up "Our Wind Co-op" which has already installed five small wind turbines, with another five to be installed this spring. \$4.45 million is expected to be available and up to 22 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 20, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>.



#### **Internet system gives access to soil survey information**

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates



having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



Region 9, Indoor Air Program has posted its 2006 Request for Proposals for Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants. The full text announcement with project descriptions, application/submission information, and eligibility information, is available at the following websites: Grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=9027&mode=VIEW> or <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/reduce-indoorair-2006.html> Proposals will be accepted for projects addressing three indoor air priority areas: (1) reducing exposure to indoor asthma triggers; (2) improving indoor air quality in schools, and (3) reducing indoor asthma triggers in homes. The deadline for submitting proposals is June 2, 2006.



## **State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)**

EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) is soliciting proposals for states and tribes to strengthen their ability to address environmental and public health threats. In FY2006, grant funding will support the training of tribal environmental professionals to: (1) improve their ability to conduct compliance monitoring inspections at regulated facilities in Indian country; (2) provide environmental compliance assistance and technical assistance to regulated facilities; and (3) support the enforcement of applicable federal and tribal environmental regulations. The 2006 STAG Grant solicitation has been posted. It is available at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/stag/opportunities.html>. The milestones are:

May 30 - deadline for applications

July 30 - notifications to applicants

Aug 31 - complete application packages due from the applicants selected

Sept 30 - reprogram \$ to Regions

1st & 2nd Qtrs. - issuance of 2006 STAG program awards

## **Free Assistance for Healthy, Energy-efficient and Durable Housing**

Global Green USA, a nonprofit environmental organization, has received funding from EPA Region 9 to offer assistance to tribal housing entities. The assistance will be in the form of finding ways to incorporate green building strategies into planned affordable housing developments. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pamela Cepe at (310) 581-2700 x107 or [pcepe@globalgreen.org](mailto:pcepe@globalgreen.org). For more information on Green Building visit EPA's site at <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding> and Global Green at <http://www.globalgreen.org/programs/building.html>.

## **Community-based Partnerships**

EPA announced that funds are available to support community-based partnerships to reduce toxic risks in local communities. EPA will award about \$2.7 million in cooperative agreements in two levels through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. Level I cooperative agreements will help establish community-based partnerships and set priorities for reducing toxic risks in a community. EPA anticipates awarding eight to ten cooperative agreements under Level I, ranging from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Level II cooperative agreements are for communities that already have a broad-based collaborative

partnership, have identified risk reduction priorities and are ready to implement risk reduction strategies. EPA expects to award six to eight cooperative agreements, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000. A range of community groups may apply for funding, including county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. The CARE program helps to build broad-based local partnerships for reducing risks from toxic pollutants that come from numerous sources. For additional information about CARE, projects awarded in 2005, or how to apply for the cooperative agreements, visit EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/care>. or contact Roxanne Smith, (202) 564-4355 [smith.roxanne@epa.gov](mailto:smith.roxanne@epa.gov)

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative**

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or email to: [warren.carl@epa.gov](mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov)

### **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program**

EPA requests proposals for the FY06 Phase 1 of the SBIR Program. This procurement is a total small business set-aside. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Green Buildings, Innovation in Manufacturing for Environmental Protection, Water and Wastewater Management, Mining and Mine Waste Management, Management of Animal Feeding Operations, Agriculture and Rural Community Improvement, Engine and Vehicle Emissions Reduction, Lead Paint Detection and Removal. Up to 40 contract awards are anticipated. The RFP will open on or about March 23, 2006 and close May 24, 2006. For more information, contact Marsha Johnson at [johnson.marsha@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.marsha@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir>.



### **Water 2025: Preventing Crisis and Conflict in the West**

U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) requests proposals for the Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program. This program supports projects within the 17 Western States that create water markets and make more efficient use of existing water supplies. \$1 million is expected to be available and up to ten awards are anticipated.



Responses are due May 5, 2006. For more information, contact Randale Jackson at [rjackson@do.usbr.gov](mailto:rjackson@do.usbr.gov) or go to: <http://www.doi.gov/water2025/RFP2006/>.

### **Watershed Funding**

Plan2Fund™ is a Watershed Planning Tool developed by the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University that helps organizations determine their funding needs to meet the goals and objectives of their Watershed Program Plan. This tool walks users through estimating the costs of their Watershed Program Plan's Goals and Objective, assessing any local matches, and determining funding needs to meet Goals and Objectives. To download this tool, go to: <http://sspa.boisestate.edu/efc/> or call toll free (866) 627-9847 to receive a free copy by mail.

### **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859 or go to: [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg\\_implementation.html](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.html)

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

## California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

## California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

## Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

## Employment Opportunities



The Pueblo of Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise is recruiting for positions available for the summer of 2006 and 2007. They will select 2 students who are interested in working with their program activities and helping graduate students conduct research on big game species. Accommodations will be field tents. For additional information and applications, contact Ian Tator, Wildlife Biologist at [itator@skycity.com](mailto:itator@skycity.com) or (505) 552-9866.



The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has the following three openings in their environmental department:

- (1) Associate Planner: This candidate will perform a variety of professional planning activities including: Review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have a BA degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.
- (2) Planning Intern: Looking for college students or recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in the planning, engineering or development professions. This position offers practical real-world work experience to help transition into a professional career. Knowledge of basic principles and accepted practices of urban planning, civil engineering, or related field is a requirement
- (3) Assistant Engineer: Functions include real property support, land development, engineering assessment and analyzing a wide variety of reports and planning documents. Responsible for maintenance of Engineering records and coordinating data management tasks with Tribal GIS and

Planning. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills. Must have a BA degree in Engineering and an EIT certificate and 1-2 years exp. in municipal or private sector land development preferred.

These positions are open until filled. If you are interested in this position please email your cover letter and resume to [mgomez@aguacaliente.net](mailto:mgomez@aguacaliente.net) or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

## **Miscellaneous items**



### **Inspector Credentials**

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, (415) 947-4262 or [baranco.angela@epa.gov](mailto:baranco.angela@epa.gov).



### **Alameda County Computer Resource Center (ACCRC)**

James Burgett, ACCRC, won an individual environmental award from EPA on April 18, 2006. His non-profit company recycles computers and gives free computers to schools, non-profits, and disadvantaged individuals. He can supply free computers to tribal members and tribal schools. However, there are some limitations to the computers. The key one is that it operates on Linux (which is free) rather than Microsoft Windows. That should not be an obstacle if someone wants to access the internet or do simple things. Desk top computers as well as notebooks are available. For more information, go to [www.accrc.org](http://www.accrc.org) or call him at (510) 528-4052.

### **May is Asthma Awareness Month and World Asthma Day is May 2, 2006.**

In support of Asthma Awareness Month, EPA developed a free Event Planning Kit, an Asthma Awareness Month Web page, and Event Listing forms. Visit [c](#) or enter "Asthma Awareness Month and indoor environments" in your Internet search engine to view the Web site link. The planning kit is a free resource for community organizers, health care providers, school nurses, teachers, and everyone who is committed to raising awareness of asthma triggers and their management. For more information, contact Louis Hill at [t](#) or (415) 947-4192.

### **National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

The guidelines for incorporating NIMS into your Emergency Operations Plans (different from mitigation plans) and any Standardized Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been published on the NIMS website. These guidelines can be found on the NIMS Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/nims>. There are two separate documents for states/territories and local/tribal. Both are 33 pages. Also newly available is a 2-page guidance document for Incident Command System (ICS) instructors, and can also be found on the Web site.

## **Toolkit for Schools to Help Reduce Lead in Drinking Water**

The "3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Childcare Facilities Toolkit" contains materials to implement voluntary training and testing. EPA developed the toolkit in conjunction with non-government organizations and several federal agencies. For more information go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/schools/guidance.html>

## **EPA Guidelines and General Guidance**

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

## **Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI) designated by EPA to help government entities address environmental challenges**

Oakland-based nonprofit SEI has been designated by EPA as the Region 9 Local Resource Center, providing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) development and implementation assistance to governmental entities, including cities, counties and tribal governments. EMS is a well established tool to help local governments prevent pollution, operate more efficiently and improve environmental performance within their communities. SEI provides a range of services to local governments including, training, implementation assistance and coaching. SEI co-founders Gary Lucks and Susan Sakaki offer introductory and training workshops, and related implementation assistance to tribal organizations. Call Susan Sakaki at (510) 531-5377 for information on SEI. For information on the EPA program go to <http://www.peercenter.net>. For information on SEI: go to <http://www.sustainableearthinitiative.org>

## **National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**

NCEH and ATSDR are soliciting interested persons to serve as members on the Community Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of the NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). The CTS is composed of members of NCEH/ATSDR BSC and members representing community and tribal perspectives on environmental health issues. More information on NCEH can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>. Also, you may contact Leslie Campbell, toll-free 1-888-422-8737

## **Baseline Needs Assessment (BNA)**

The BNA was prepared by the National Tribal Environmental Council and Rural Community Assistance Corporation under a grant from the EPA to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, working in conjunction with the Region 9 Tribal Caucus and the Region 9 RTOC Drinking Water/Wastewater Subcommittee. For complete details, visit the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/bna/>

## **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program.**

The State Water Resources Control Board is inviting public comment on proposed amendments to the SRF Loan Policy. The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, correction of non-point source and storm water drainage pollution problems. The proposed amendments are intended to integrate the concept of sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-0006. The State Water Board will immediately begin accepting new applications and resume processing those applications that were previously under review. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

## **Composting Programs**

EPA's latest Tribal Waste Journal focusing on tribal composting programs is now in print and available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/tribal/pdftxt/twj-4.pdf>. The journal highlights tribes that are making great strides in solid waste management through composting. Read about how these tribes started their composting programs to divert waste, save on waste disposal costs, and nourish land and tradition.

## **Criminal Investigation Division (CID)**

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415) 972-3781 or [overman.pamela@epa.gov](mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov).

## **Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

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## **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**

EPA .Region 9 'Approach to Tribal Consultation' documents are now online:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>

The following Web site is for tribes who have started community gardens/greenhouses.

<http://www.nativeseeds.org/v2/default.php>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.wapa.gov/es/pubs/fctsheets/casino%20fact%20Sheet.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>

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